

# Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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### Resolution #070292

Establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on "Green" issues, the Township Committee wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards wants to begin the process of focusing on "Green" issues by starting with audits of municipality facilities and operations first.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards has appropriated "seed money" in their 2007 budget to begin the process of making its operations greener, and more environmentally friendly beginning with energy audits of the Township's facilities to pinpoint the most effective ways to reduce energy consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, solar power, changes to fleet purchasing and maintenance, water quality improvements, and operational changes will all be considered as the Township moves to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby establish a Green Team Advisory Committee consisting of eleven members who shall be residents or employees of Bernards Township, appointed annually, but whose initial term of appointment shall be through December 31, 2007.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Mission, Goals and Objectives for the GTA through December 31, 2007 are established as follows:

## Mission

The Bernards Township Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the township committee on ways to improve municipal operations with "Green" initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

### Goals

Submit a report and recommendations to the Township Committee by October 1, 2007 to include:

- 1. An audit of municipal facilities
- 2. An evaluation of municipal fleet vehicles
- 3. A report of suggested best practices for "greener" municipal operations

# **Objectives**

- 1. Collaborate with township employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the Mission of the GTA.
- 2. Encourage participation of all employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives.
- 3. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense.
- 4. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following persons are hereby appointed to the GTA for the remainder of 2007:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	POSITION	REPRESENTATIVE
Joel	Coyle	Regular Member	BT Health Department
Francis	Decibus	Regular Member	BT Purchasing Agent
Jack	Donohue	Regular Member	Environmental Commission
Ariane	Delafosse	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Bruce	McArthur	Regular Member	BT CFO/Administrator
Peter	Messina	Regular Member	BT Engineer/Planner
Pat	Monaco	Regular Member	BT Director of Public Works
Mary	Pavlini	Regular Member	BT Mayor
Paul	Saccone	Regular Member	Environmental Commission
Anthony	S <u>bl</u> endorio	Regular Member	Citizen Representative
Karen	Witt	Regular Member	Citizen Representative

Agenda and Date Voted: 05/29/2007

# CERTIFICATION I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 05/29/2007. Denise Szabo, Municipal Clerk